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For some, the call of duty is losing its steam

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Airman takes Defender Challenge

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

A Dobbins Air Reserve Base airman was chosen to compete in the Defender Challenge, the Air Force's all-star Security



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Darien Thornton, 94th Security Forces Squadron, security craftsman, turns up his sleeves to show how Dobbins competes.

Forces competition that took place October 10-16 at the Army's Camp Bullis training site near Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Defender Challenge featured 12 teams composed of the "best of the best" Security Forces members in head-to-head competition using the tricks of their trade - weapons and tactics.

"I felt mentally and physically prepared, but I didn't realize the scope of the event," said Staff Sgt. Darien Thornton, 94th Security Forces Squadron security craftsman. Though he realized he would be involved in a security competition, Thornton didn't realize the match up also serves to test and showcase new weapons, equipment and tactics. The competition mission involved infiltrating a small training town and stopping guerillas preparing to down a relief aircraft with a portable missile.

To prepare for the mission, participants trained at Lackland's Force Protection Battlelab. Using technology derived from video games, the teams were able to take a virtual tour of the exercise area and plan their attacks. They guided virtual airmen through the city to the building where the guerillas were located. Every detail of the actual city was reproduced in the game, down to the

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Staff Sgt. Darien Thornton

most meticulous detail, including directions the doors opened. Competitors used this information to plan the movements of their assault. The preparation wasn't just technological though.

"I'm a fitness fanatic so this played to my interests," said Thornton. Initially, each team was comprised of 15 members and through process of elimination; the team is left with 12 members. Competitors were rated on their performance in physical training, marksmanship with the M16-A2 service rifle and the M9 Beretta and land navigation operations. Though Thornton was one of the oldest competitors, he still received one of the highest PT scores. Being selected for the team allowed Thornton to work with some of the most cutting-edge equipment in his field.

The team also used the Force Protection Airborne Surveillance System, a small-unmanned aerial vehicle that gave the teams intelligence on enemy movements. The competitors also



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Darien Thornton, though one of the oldest competitors at Defender Challenge, had the best score in the physical fitness challenge.

utilized a new ground-based radar system and cutting-edge passive intrusion-detection systems. The competition on the whole was a rewarding experience added, Sgt. Thornton.

"I was proud to be a part of this team and I felt a responsibility to represent Dobbins as best as possible," said Sgt. Thornton. Sgt. Thornton said he extends his gratitude to Master Sgt. Terry Wilson and Capt. Charles Wertheim of 94th Security Forces for selecting him for this career-enriching competition.

Shop with a Hero



Photos by Don Peek

The JOY foundation, a nonprofit charity, hosted its fifth annual Shop with a Hero charity program for underprivileged children. An estimated 250 heroes, many of them from Dobbins Air Reserve Base and Naval Air Station Atlanta, gathered with about 400 other volunteers at Kohl's Department Store in Acworth to help 670 children pick out presents paid for by donations.

Mentoring helps make better airmen leaders



Photo by Don Peek

By Tech. Sgt. Gregory Menchan
94th Civil Engineer Squadron,
Vehicle Control NCOIC

I am currently a traditional reservist and serve as the Vehicle Control NCOIC for the 94th Civil Engineer Squadron at Dobbins. I am responsible for inprocessing and licensing all newly arrived personnel to the unit.

During inprocessing I talk with and welcome newcomers to the unit. One thing that continually stands out in the majority of my conversations with newcomers is that most seem to possess a lack-luster attitude and even worse, a lack of commitment to the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Few of them are willing to stay beyond their initial enlistments. They seem to be less interested in serving the USAF and more interested in being served by the USAF. I've often wondered why? Has the USAF failed them? Were their military and personal expectations not

met?

I would answer by saying, in a case-by-case study, the possibility of failure may actually exist. But overall, I would emphatically say, no.

I enjoy the responsibility of planning and organizing for the execution phases for bivouac training and for unit deployments. My responsibility includes coordination that takes several months of emails, telephone calls, faxes and authorizations. In other words, often times my duties far exceed the first weekend of each month and I may handle United States Air Force Reserve business throughout an entire month. Telephone calls, emails and even personal visits are sometimes required of me to make a project successful and it usually occurs without pay and personal acknowledgement. But commitment sometimes means doing what is necessary for all to be successful.

Volunteering to assist where and when it is needed simply means going the extra mile to guarantee success. What makes seasoned members of the Reserve go that extra mile? Seasoned NCOs don't become this way overnight.

When I arrived at my first duty station, I was greeted by a friendly and immaculately dressed (military creases, starched and wrinkled free uniform) technical sergeant. This NCO eventually became a great influence over my life and over my military career. He encouraged me to pursue various opportunities and training, which afforded me many experiences. Without his mentoring those experiences would not have existed for me.

I strongly believe that some of the more seasoned personnel have forgotten the old adage "to reach one you must teach one." In most cases, these newcomers are not mentored or encouraged to

reach their full potential. When I enlisted for active duty in the mid-eighties I really was not sure about how long my Air Force career would last.

For the next four years I was a direct report to that to the NCO that mentored me. I learned what the Air Force was really all about and most of all how to properly represent the Air Force. He played a major role in the beginning of my career and because of him I'm nearing 19 years of combined active and Reserve military service in the Air Force.

The encouragement, and the personal investment that this technical sergeant made in me has not only afforded me an opportunity to join the future ranks of retired military members but it has permitted me to continually serve my country.

All of this brings me to my critical question -- how much are you willing to devote to other members of the USAFR? Where do we go from here? It starts with a personal commitment to help all that you come in contact with. I challenge each of you to step outside of your world and mentor a young airman and watch them grow into outstanding NCO and officers.

Often times we are so busy with our own career goals that we fail to get to know the goals of others. As NCOs we must start to take a vested interest in the success of the next generation of the Air Force. We must begin to place members of the next generation in leadership roles that will help them to build confidence and strengthen their ability to lead. We must walk them through the process by investing a little time, effort and patience.

In the next five to 10 years, the USAF mantle will be changing hands. It would be wonderful to know that our Air Force is in good hands.



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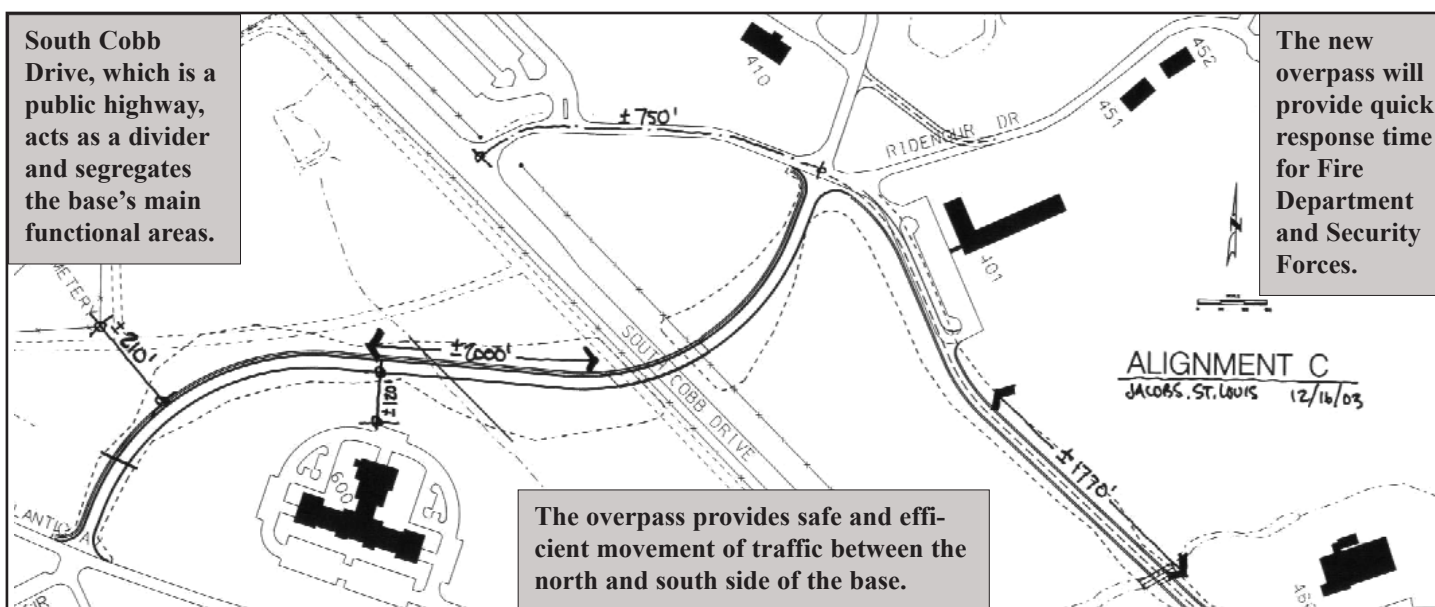
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Maximize your Reserve career through career counseling



Photo by Don Peek

By Tech. Sgt. Dianne Yearby
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Since the book was first published in the 1970s, the job seeker's mantra has been "What Color is Your Parachute?" As Air Force Reservists, we already have our "parachutes" or Air Force careers, so the question now is, "how is it working for you?" Job satisfaction and the longevity of your Air Force Reserve career are synonymous concepts.

Exit surveys often reveal members may not reenlist because of job dissatisfaction. Job dissatisfaction takes on many forms such as conflict with supervisors, lack of training opportunities, stagnated promotions or burnout. Another fact also prevalent in these exit surveys is, most of the members did not take advantage of the career counseling available to them via their unit career advisor.

The unit career advisor provides guidance and support to members regarding reenlistments, bonuses and other benefits, reserve participation, promotions and job satisfaction for the purpose of ensuring a qualified and ready force through retention. Your UCA may provide direct counseling or make a referral to an internal or external resource depending on the nature of the concern. Most career counseling sessions focus on establishing good communication, an understanding of military benefits and entitlements, and a clear understanding of all career and service options available.

The Air Force Reserve is "A Great Way to Serve." As with any other career, you must find your niche to grow, learn, and realize intrinsic rewards. Your UCA is there to help you on this journey and to ensure that your "parachute" opens and brings to you to a safe landing into retirement.

Fetal Protection Program helps protect pregnancy

By Major Robert Bonhomme
94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron
flight surgeon

The excitement of pregnancy can overshadow work related issues to be considered. The Fetal Protection Program at Dobbins promotes hazard awareness and helps protect pregnant women in the workplace.

It is important for Reservists to enroll in the Fetal Protection Program. Enrollment provides the Dobbins medical staff with civilian medical documentation relating to the pregnancy. This can assist the staff in case of an emergency. Also, aircrew members who become pregnant may request a waiver to continue flying.

Understanding how to handle possible workplace hazards and how to reduce exposure to them is vital to the safety of an unborn child. Chemicals, noise, temperature, radiation, infectious agents and psychological stress can all affect pregnancy.

Reservists should not wait for obvious signs of pregnancy to alert commanders, supervisors and supporting medical staff. They may be aware of and responsible for pregnancy hazards in the workplace, but may not be aware of a pregnant member.

The Air Force Reserve Command Instruction 41-104 establishes procedures to carry out the policies of the Air Force Reserve Command Surgeon in the management of pregnant Reserve members. It also contains information about pregnancy hazards of the jobs in the Reserve.

To ensure a safe pregnancy, observe all duty limitations and physical restrictions set by civilian and military health care providers.

Also, enroll in the Fetal Protection Program to learn about local safety hazards. For more information call, Major Robert Bonhomme, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron flight surgeon at 678-655-3092 or 678-655-4995.

A boy and his dog

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

There's a special rapport a boy shares with his dog, an understanding between human and beast that we cherish when we see it in youths. It is one of those timeless, ageless, colorless phenomena everyone can appreciate. It's one of those life events no child should be deprived of. No child.

Alexander Rousseau, the son of Tech. Sgt. Cyrill and Adrienne Rousseau, was diagnosed with autism when he was 15 months old. Autism is defined on the Autism Society of America website as a developmental disability typically appearing in the first three years childhood. Sadly, growing up with autism Alexander will miss out on many of things other children take for granted, but with the help of Canine Companions for Independence, he can have the chance to own his very own dog.

"CCI is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained canine assistance and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships," said Adrienne. Since they began training dogs in 1975, the CCI have successfully placed 1,966 companion dogs with special needs owners. The Rousseau family traveled to CCI's Southeast Regional where they lived in a facility dorm with other families there to



Photo by Cyrill Rousseau

Alexander (Xander) Rousseau and his mother, Adrienne Rousseau, both practice managing their dog, Woody, in a public setting.

receive animal companions. Their days at the facilities consisted of lectures, hands on training with the animals and field-trip training for real-world handling instruction. The Rousseau family successfully completed the program and graduated from the program Nov. 15.

"We waited so long for this to become a reality for Alexander," said Adrienne, "We are very grateful for the opportunity to receive a companion dog for our son." Alexander's role at this point is not only being the recipient and beneficiary of the dog, but also providing him with love and praise.

"We are finally home from our trip to Canine Companions for Independence," said Adrienne. "It was a long two weeks but well worth the effort." The family recently graduated with a beautiful black lab named Woody who Alexander adores, added Adrienne.



Photo by Cyrill Rousseau

Since 1975, Canine Companions for Independence has provided a boy with his dog. They have placed 1,966 dogs with special needs owners.

Dobbins reservists visit local veterans



Photo by Don Peek

Tech. Sgt. Julie Lopez, Transportation Proficiency Center instructor, and other TPC airmen visited local veterans to bring them some Christmas cheer.

Three things to remember about M16's and ORI

By Senior Airman Paul Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

Important areas of the M16 service rifle are from left, the chamber, the magazine release, the magazine well (not labeled), the bolt release, the charging handle, the safety lever and the forward assist (not pictured).

For many reservists, the M16 is a seldom touched mass of moving parts that just happens to be very dangerous. Under the pressure of an Operational Readiness Inspection, this unfamiliar rifle can make safety, performance and even following simple instructions seem overwhelming.

Senior Master Sgt. William Goins, 94th Security Forces training superintendent, said three major points can make the difference between a fumbling safety hazard and a confident participant for the ORI.

The first point is to follow all instructions and procedures. Goins said to always be calm with a weapon. Staying calm is the key to success and the key to safety.

For a less experienced person, M16 safety is most important; however, another safety concern is the person who is familiar with a weapon and wants to show it. Being cocky and getting ahead of the weapon firing and clearing procedure is a perfect way to hurt someone and fail an ORI said Goins.

Familiarity is his next recommendation. Goins said page 80 of the *Airman's Manual*, Air Force Manual 10-100, begins a brief reference to safety issues, firing and clearing procedures and the parts of the M16. SPORTS is an acronym (explained right) used to remember how to clear an M16.

His final point is to react to instructions quickly to complete the readiness exercise, but constantly be aware of safety.

"Move with a purpose and keep safety first," said Goins.



Photos by Don Peek

"Move with a purpose and keep safety first."

Senior Master Sgt. William Goins

SPORTS

Senior Master Sgt. Goins said six easy steps to clear a weapon while firing are the acronym, SPORTS. These steps are recognized by the ORI inspection team as the method of clearing a firing malfunction. The steps may be done slowly, Goins said.

Slap the bottom of the magazine.

Pull the charging handle back.

Observe the chamber.

Release the charging handle.

Tap the forward assist.

Shoot the weapon.

Attempt to clear any malfunction. If it cannot be cleared, call an instructor or inspector for assistance, Goins said. Never turn your weapon toward another person and keep it at a 45 degree angle, upward. After mastering these techniques, remember to dress for the weather. Being too hot or cold can affect ability and concentration, Goins said.

Internet hoaxes affect government credit cards

By Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- A recent e-mail hoax targeted government purchasing cardholders in an attempt to gain vital account information.

The e-mail message linked users to a Web-based form, which fraudulently requested key information such as Social Security number, credit card account numbers and expiration dates.

"This is really uncommon," said Josephine Davis, Air Force banking officer. "What you see most frequently is some organization trying to pick up a slogan or relationship to (General Services Administration) because GSA administers the government purchasing contract."

Though there were only a couple of e-mail hoaxes this year, Davis said there

are a variety of methods used to get government travel or purchasing card information.

"It's not because they're travel or purchasing cards, but because they are credit cards," she said.

"Credit and charge card fraud costs cardholders and issuers hundreds of millions of dollars each year," according to the Federal Trade Commission's Web site.

Both Davis and the FTC offer ways to avoid becoming the next victim.

"Be cautious," Davis said. "In general, unless you have initiated the transaction, nobody has any need to know your account number or expiration date. Banks don't even need that information to be able to find customers in the system."

The FTC backs up that advice with their own.

"Don't give out your account number

over the phone unless you're making the call to a company you know is reputable," according to the Web site. "If you have questions about a company, check it out with your local consumer protection office or Better Business Bureau."

Any attempts to obtain government card information should be reported, Davis said.

"If you receive a hoax e-mail or any other fraudulent requests, contact your agency program coordinator," Davis said.

If it is too late, and fraudulent charges appear on a credit card statement, there are still things cardholders can do to protect themselves, Davis said.

"Follow the standard information on the back of your credit card statement, and again, contact your agency program coordinator," Davis said.

While the cardholder is ultimately

responsible for resolving the issue, the program coordinator can help work with the card company.

Once a card is lost or stolen, or any other type of fraud is detected, the customer should immediately call the credit card issuer, according to the FTC Web site.

"By law, once you report the loss or theft, you have no further responsibility for unauthorized charges," according to the site. "In any event, your maximum liability under federal law is \$50 per card."

Problems aside, the government travel and purchasing card programs are still a good thing, Davis said.

"The government charge card, though sometimes cumbersome, has been an effective program," she said. "It has saved time and money, and if it is used properly and safe guarded appropriately, it is a good procurement tool."

Shelton takes the reigns

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

The only thing constant at Dobbins is change and Col. Richard Shelton, the newly assumed commander of the 94th Maintenance Group, knows that better than anyone.

As commander of one of the three groups on base, Shelton is not only ultimately responsible for the welfare of the troops under his command, but also for the 94th Airlift Wing's C-130s and the students in the schoolhouse. Shelton realizes the responsibility he has undertaken and approaches his job with professionalism and a sincerity that shows in his words.

"The 94th Maintenance Group is a unit that stands out in the numbered Air Forces," said Shelton. "In my short time here, I've met some of the most motivated and professional aircraft maintenance personnel I've known in my entire career." Over the span of his career Shelton has been assigned to over 10 units including 436th Military Airlift Unit at Dover Air Force Base, Del., and the Maintenance and Engineering Branch of the 22nd Air Force before assuming command of the 94th Maintenance Group.

"Assuming command is perhaps the most daunting job in the military," said Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander. "This job becomes even more challenging when the assumption of command is during wartime."

An effective wartime commander must be an individual who can garner trust and respect in his troops, said Kane. The commander is the individual who makes the hard decisions about the lives of others and their families, added Kane.

"I am confident that the 94th Maintenance Group is in good hands," said Kane.



The first official photo of Col. Richard Shelton as the 94th Maintenance Group commander.

Photo by Paul Reid Hanna

Jacket, pullover require new nametag

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- The Air Force has established both the mandatory wear date and proper wear for the new metallic nametag on service dress uniforms and pullover sweaters.

Effective Jan. 1, the nametag must be worn on the wearer's right side of the service dress jacket with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons. It should be centered between the sleeve seam and lapel.

If a duty badge is worn on the wearer's right side, men will center the badge a half-inch below the new nametag; women will center the badge a half-inch above the new nametag. An exception is when a command insignia is worn by either men or women. It is worn either a half-inch above or below the nametag. Then, the duty badge is worn either a half-inch above or below the command insignia, depending on whether the airman is a current or former commander.

When the maternity jumper is worn as the maternity service dress, the nametag should be centered on the right side and placed even to, or 1 1/2 inches higher or lower than, the first exposed button.

The nametag will also be worn on pullover sweaters on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Ribbon recognizes deployed airmen

Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Did you know the Air Force has a new ribbon? The ribbon recognizes your work during air expeditionary force deployments.

The Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon is awarded to Air Force active duty, Reserve and Guard members who completed a contingency deployment after Oct. 1, 1999.

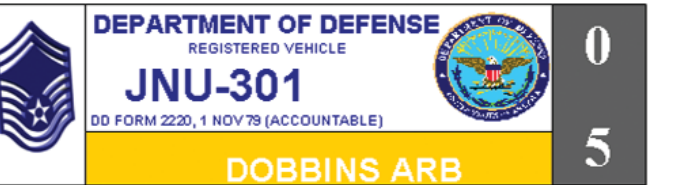
To qualify for the award, you must have deployed for 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days. Any contingency deployment qualifies regardless of the duty, destination or location of the temporary duty, including those within the continental United States. There is also no time limit to accumulate the 90 nonconsecutive days.

Permanent party people overseas are not eligible for the ribbon, unless they're forward-deployed on a contingency operation. People deployed on an overseas short tour can get both the ribbon and the Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, if they meet the requirements for both.

To receive the award, report to your military personnel flight after returning from a deployment. Present a copy of your orders and completed travel voucher along with any citations or certificates received while deployed to help prove your entitlement.

For more information, visit Air Force Personnel Center Personnel news at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Visitors center decal renewal moved to Atlanta Road



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DoD DECAL	EXPIRES	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR	PLATE#	STATE

To update your vehicle registration completely fill in the information above. All information is **required**. Once the information is completed. Take this to any of the designated vehicle renewal locations to obtain a new "Year" decal. **This form is for renewal ONLY**. Ensure you have signed the back of this form stating you will comply with the conditions to operate a vehicle on a military installation.

ENSURE YOU HAVE ANNOTATED YOUR DoD DECAL # THAT IS CURRENTLY ON YOUR VEHICLE! The DD Form 2220 has 3 letters and 3 numbers (See picture above.)

Remember: IF THE WINDSHIELD OF THE VEHICLE IS COLD OR DIRTY THE WINDSHIELD MUST BE CLEANED AND WARMED BEFORE APPLICATION OF STICKER - ALSO REMOVE OLD YEAR STICKER FOR BEST RESULTS.

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I hereby certify that:

- I understand that persons who are allowed to drive on an Air Force installation are deemed to have consented to a chemical test (blood-alcohol test, breathalyzer, urinalysis) to ascertain the alcohol or other drug content of their blood when they are cited or apprehended on base for a traffic violation and intoxication or use of drugs is suspected. I understand that a refusal by anyone operating my vehicle to take a chemical test when requested to do so by the police will normally result in a one year revocation of base driving privilege.
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 - I now possess and will continue to possess a valid operator's license and so will every other authorized operator of the vehicle or vehicles registered.
 - I now comply and will continue to comply with the financial responsibility, compulsory insurance, or no-fault insurance requirements of the state.
- I will remove (and surrender and destroy as required) all AF registration identification from my vehicle or vehicles upon normal expiration of the identification, if my registration privileges are terminated for cause, if I become disqualified for USAF private motor vehicle registration, or when I dispose of my vehicle.
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- I understand that willfully making false statements in this certificate I may be prosecuted under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001 or may subject me, if a military member, to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and will result in withdrawal of the registration of all vehicles referred to me.

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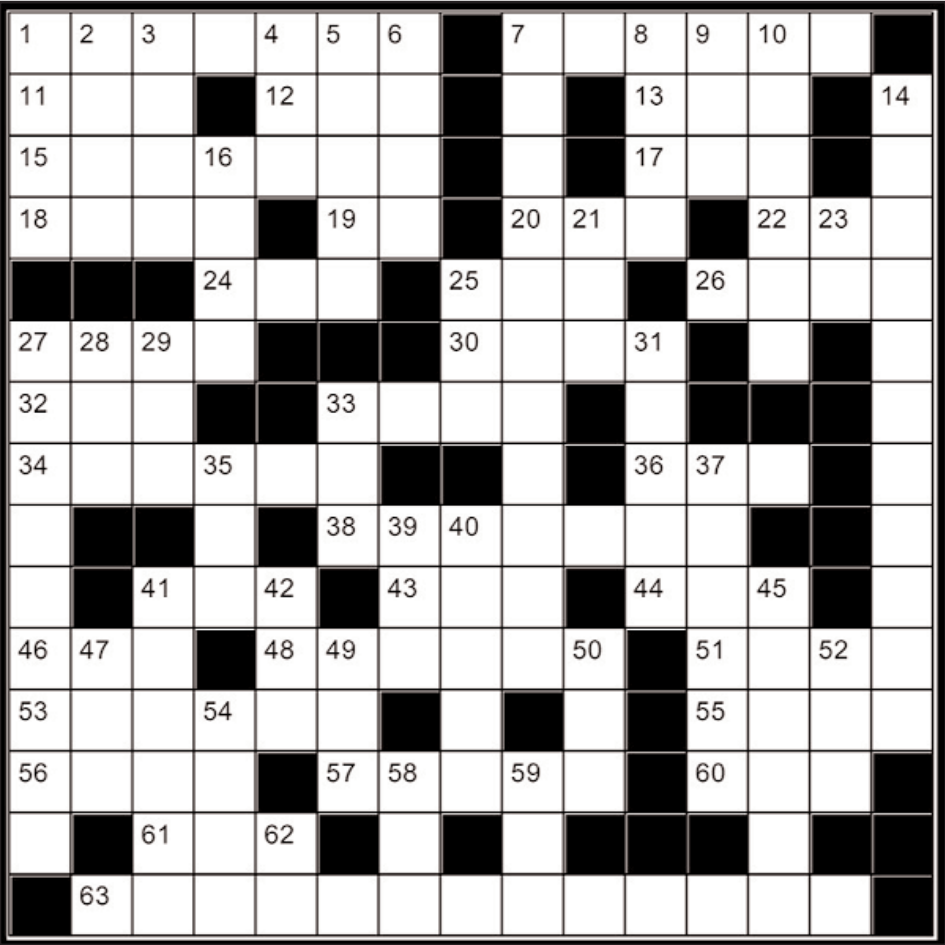
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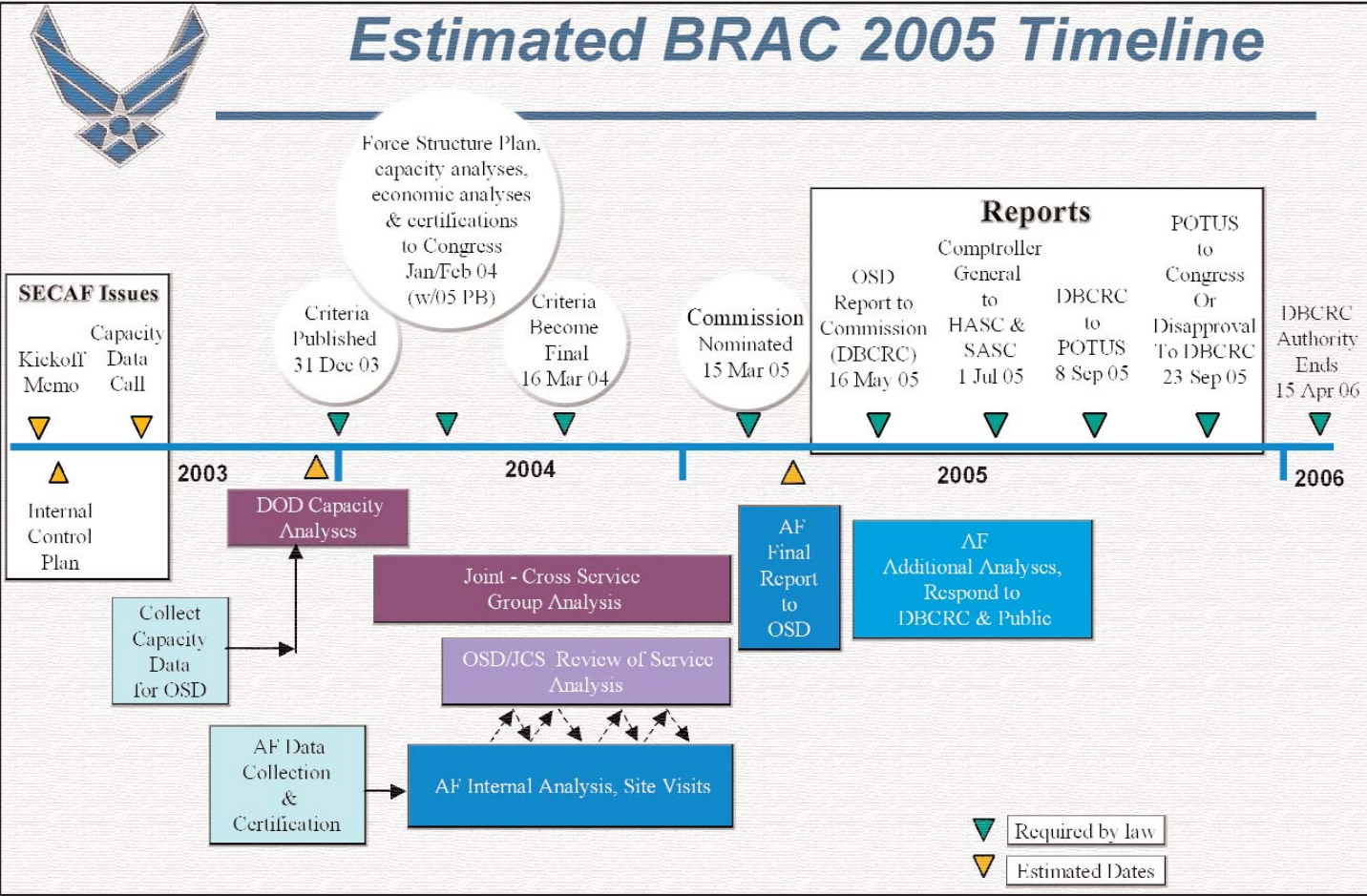
Centennial of Flight

January Crossword Puzzle

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs



- ACROSS
1. Brother who completed first flight on 12/17/ 1903
7. Brother made last, longest flight on 12/17/1903
11. Anguish
12. Internet provider
13. Three per inning?
15. Forever
17. Picnic pest
18. Bet
19. State home to Offutt AFB (postal abbrev.)
20. Lord
22. Inventor Whitney
24. Navy equivalent to AFB
25. Huhs?
26. Imp
27. Hitch
30. Ford cars
32. Charged particle
33. Comedian Foxworthy
34. Number of seconds first flight lasted
36. St. alternative
38. What 1, 7 ACROSS made prior to planes
41. Smack
43. Military meal?
44. Terminate
46. Drink Yoo-__
48. Presents
51. Org. concerned with atomic power/weapons
53. Come
55. Greenish blue
56. Go
57. Walks through water
60. Military time to go (abbrev.)
61. __ de cologne; perfume
63. State that was site for first flight on 12/17/1903
- DOWN
1. Due
2. Navy base in Spain
3. Swerve
4. Computer connection
5. Debts
6. Fashion magazine
7. Name of first heavier-than-air craft made by 1, 7 ACROSS
8. Cargo
9. Hot dog need
10. States
14. Current location of 7 DOWN
16. Let
21. Rumsfeld's office (abbrev.)
23. State home to Barksdale AFB (postal abbrev.)
25. Tolkien character
27. Location of first flight
28. Immediately
29. Single
31. Old
33. George Bush's brother in FL
35. Zodiac sign
37. Italian city of canals
39. World banking fund (abbrev.)
40. Principle
41. Island in the Malay Archipelago
42. Acronym for military member's car
45. Home to 1, 7 ACROSS
47. Mining goal
49. Limited
50. Sibling
52. Shannon Sharpe pitched dietary supplement company
54. __-TASS; Russian news agency
58. Part of a circle
59. Piece of corn
62. State home to Hill AFB(postalabbrev.)



HRDC confronts AF career issues

By Staff Sgt. Alishia Norman
94th Maintenance Operations Flight

One of the most common misconceptions that reservists have about their careers is the limitation of promotion opportunities. Many reservists feel "stuck" in their duty section with no possibility of promotion. They may feel they will retire before their next promotion or will never become a chief master sergeant.

Those haunting questions can be answered by attending the Human Resource Development Council meetings, where these types of concerns are addressed. At the meetings, members and attendees from different organizations join together to identify and work through issues that affect the reserve work force.

The HRDC values all opinions and would like to recruit more members to increase the diversity of the groups. To become a member or sit in one of the meetings, just show up UTA Sundays at 9 a.m. in the wing conference room.

Fly away

The Navy Flying Club will offering airplane rides at a discount in front of the Air Force base ops on Saturday, Jan. 10. The rides are to publicize the availability the flying club to all base assigned personnel who are interested in getting a pilot's certificate. Anyone with access to the Dobbins and NAS Atlanta are eligible to join. For more information, call Ralph Connell at 770-422-9434 or 770-265-1051.

Super Bowl Party

Cheer your team to victory on Super Bowl Sunday at the Dobbins Consolidated Club. For only \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members you get to watch the big game on the big screen T.V., eat snacks, have dinner after halftime and win great prizes. Tickets go on sale Jan. 6 at 9 a.m. A member of the lodging team will be on hand for those who would like to stay at Dobbins Inn after the bowl. For more information call 678-655-5716.

Kids art contest

The Armed Services Young Men's Christian Association is sponsoring an art contest for kindergartners through sixth graders in military families. A \$500 dollar savings bond will be awarded to the winner of the contest. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 26. For a copy of contest guidelines and a submission mailing address, visit the ASYMCA website at www.asymca.org.

Valentine's Day bouquet

"Won't you be my Valentine?" Tired of fighting through crowds and paying more for this special occasion? Look no further; come to the Creation Shop inside the Rental Center, Bldg. 558, and shop to your heart's delight. The shop offers an assortment of Valentine bouquets including bears, candy, balloons and silk flowers. Prices start at \$7.50. Advanced reservations are highly recommended. To place an order, please call the creation shop at 678-655-4870. Delivery is free on base.

Valentine's Day dinner

Dinner for two at the Dobbins Consolidated Club includes Chateaubriand, stuffed potatoes, vegetables and dessert scheduled for Feb. 14 for \$49.95. Reservations are mandatory. Call 770-427-5551 to make your reservation.

A new card needs new hours

All military members are required to obtain their Common Access Card by April. The customer service office will be open and ready to issue them Monday to

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The unit training assembly hours are Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

UTA fitness

Thinking about a New Year's resolution? Well, this is a great time to get in shape for the Air Force's annual fitness test. Starting in January during unit training assemblies, the fitness center staff will have a walk and run program. This program will also include testing your sit-up and push-up endurance. Don't delay and start today; the New Year is not far away. Fitness Center hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unit training assembly hours are Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gray or Staff Sgt. Guice at 678-655-4872.

Bingo at the Consolidated Club

The Dobbins Consolidated Club hosts a weekly Bingo program every Thursday. Cards go on sale at 5 p.m. and the Early Bird game begins at 6:45 p.m. The regular games begin at 7 p.m. It's a fun night of bingo with \$1,100 on the line. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Happy birthday to all

The Consolidated Club has a birthday gift for all dues paying members. During your birthday month stop by the club and receive a free certificate redeemable for \$10 off any purchase at the club. For more information, call 678-655-4594.

Reserve opportunities

The Air Force Reserve master bonus list for both the unit and individual mobilization augmentee categories is approved through March 31. This ensures commanders have a tool to attract members to, historically, critically short AFSCs and provide an opportunity for bonus entitlements to our members who have been demobilized and maybe uncertain about remaining in the Air Force Reserve.

The approved Bonus AFSC list for Dobbins ARB includes the following AFSCs: 2T2X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4N0X1 and X4N0X1.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Sparkle K. Adams, 94th Mission Support Group 678-655-4002; Master Sgt. Bettie Key, 94th Operations Group 678-655-5052; Master Sgt. David Pritchard, 94th Maintenance Group 678-655-5068; Master Sgt. Carmen Cureton, 22nd Air Force 678-655-4529 and Staff Sgt. Delia Casanova-Diaz, 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron 678-655-4995.

Solutions for Northern Lights
December 2003

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Election dates listed

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2.						
State	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	GENERAL ELECTION		
				U.S. Senate	U.S. Representative	State Governor
Alabama	June 1	June 1	June 29	Yes	7	No
Alaska	—	August 24	—	Yes	1	No
American Samoa	—	November 9	November 23	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	February 3	September 7	—	Yes	8	No
Arkansas	May 18	May 18	June 8	Yes	4	No
California	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	53	No
Colorado	—	August 10	—	Yes	7	No
Connecticut	March 2	August 10	—	Yes	5	No
Delaware	February 3	September 11	—	No	1	Yes
District of Columbia	January 13	September 14	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Florida	March 9	August 31	—	Yes	25	No
Georgia	March 2	July 20	August 10	Yes	13	No
Guam	—	September 4	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	—	September 18	—	Yes	2	No
Idaho	May 25	May 25	—	Yes	2	No
Illinois	March 16	March 16	—	Yes	19	No
Indiana	May 4	May 4	—	Yes	9	Yes
Iowa	—	June 8	—	Yes	5	No
Kansas	—	August 3	—	Yes	4	No
Kentucky	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	6	No
Louisiana	March 9	September 18	—	Yes	7	No
Maine	—	June 8	—	No	2	No
Maryland	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	8	No
Massachusetts	March 2	September 14	—	No	10	No
Michigan	—	August 3	—	No	15	No
Minnesota	—	September 14	—	No	8	No
Mississippi	March 9	March 9	March 30	No	4	No
Missouri	February 3	August 3	—	Yes	9	Yes
Montana	June 8	June 8	—	No	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	No
Nevada	September 7	September 7	—	Yes	3	No
New Hampshire	January 2/	September 14	—	Yes	7	Yes
New Jersey	June 8	June 8	—	No	13	No
New Mexico	June 1	June 1	—	No	3	No
New York	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	29	No
North Carolina	May 4	May 4	June 1	Yes	13	Yes
North Dakota	—	June 8	—	Yes	1	Yes
Ohio	March 2	March 2	—	Yes	18	No
Oklahoma	February 3	July 27	August 24	Yes	5	No
Oregon	May 18	May 18	—	Yes	5	No
Pennsylvania	April 2/	April 27	—	Yes	19	No
Puerto Rico	TBD	—	—	1 Res Commissioner	—	Yes
Rhode Island	March 2	September 14	—	No	2	No
South Carolina	February 3	June 8	June 22	Yes	6	No
South Dakota	June 1	June 1	June 15 (secondary election)	Yes	1	No
Tennessee	February 10	August 5	—	No	9	No
Texas	March 9	March 9	April 13	No	32	No
Utah	—	June 22	—	Yes	3	Yes
Vermont	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	1	Yes
Virginia	February 10	June 8	—	No	11	No
Virgin Islands	—	September 11	September 25	—	1 Delegate	No
Washington	March 2	September 14	—	Yes	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 11	May 11	—	No	3	Yes
Wisconsin	February 17	September 14	—	Yes	8	No
Wyoming	—	August 17	—	No	1	No

Dobbins reservist writes home

Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq
Dec. 6, 2003

Hello Dobbins,
I'm sending you this special holiday greeting to wish everyone at the 94th Airlift Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, all my co-workers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm currently stationed in Kirkuk, AB, Iraq, in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are a support base for the Army. I will be here until March 4.
This part of the world is still very dangerous and we are reminded daily why we are here. There are no holiday seasonal decorations I am so used to seeing back home, except for the occasional Christmas card. During Thanksgiving, we all had dinner and gave thanks to our friends and our families. In many ways, it was the same as home. We enjoyed three kinds of

processed meat, turkey, roast beef and ham. Also, we enjoyed canned stuffing, canned corn, canned green beans and pumpkin pie. We missed the home cooking of these holidays.
But, we gave thanks for each other's safety and strength, realizing that our mission here in Iraq is ever going towards the liberation of this nation from oppression.
In closing I truly hope that this Christmas and New Year season you will give extra thanks to one another and reflect on the freedoms we enjoy. With our continued service, dedication, and home town support, our sacrifice will give this side of the world a chance to celebrate a new beginning for the Iraqi people.
I hope to see you all soon.

Anthony L. Hopper, Master Sgt., USAFR
Station Chief, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq

Security Force
EAL makes base
access easier

By Master Sgt. Elaine Bowman
94th Security Forces Squadron,
force protection officer

The Entry Authority List to grant base access to civilians and contractors for events is now on the Dobbins Public Access site on the Services page.
The form is at http://www.afrc.af.mil/22af/94aw/dobbins_services.asp along with the directions on how to fill out the forms.
If you are having an event on base and have guests you need to sponsor onto the installation, you can use this form one of three ways:

Copy it electronically, complete it and e-mail it to Security Forces for approval. Copy it, complete it and bring it to Building 701 for approval. Copy it, complete it and fax it to 678-655-3955 for approval.
The persons who approve EALs are the following: Master Sgt. Elaine L. Bowman, 94th Security Force Protection, Building 701, Room 103; Jose Velazquez, Police Services, Building 701, Room 117; Capt. Charles Wertheim, Operations Officer, Building 701, Room 101 and William Moody, Chief, Security Forces, Building 701, Room 102.
All are on the global if you choose to e-mail an EAL, ensure that it is completely filled out with all required information prior to sending it to SFS for approval.
If you have any questions, contact Bowman at 678-655-4138 or Wertheim at 678-655-4161.

Newly assigned

- Lt Col. Camille Phillips
- Capt. James G. Martin
- Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey A. Longmire
- Staff Sgt. Bobbie L. Clark
- Staff Sgt. Lennix L. Laidler
- Staff Sgt. Jessie P. Malone
- Staff Sgt. Gregory B. Schumacher
- Staff Sgt. Russell D. Wooten
- Senior Airman Brian M. Burnett
- Senior Airman Karly Derosena
- Senior Airman Clinton J. Hollins
- Senior Airman Allen Latimore Jr.
- Senior Airman Sherry R. McKay
- Senior Airman Carlos L. Navarro
- Senior Airman Vincent C. Shy
- Senior Airman Hal F. Smith
- Airman 1st Class Patrick B. English
- Airman Basic Anita M. Miller
- Airman Basic Chassidie L. Parsons



Minuteman contest

Have a story about deployments, involvement with the community, charities or education efforts? Write it down, include quality photos and send it to the *Minuteman*. The stories sent by e-mail to reid.hanna@dobbins.af.mil will be edited and printed. For more information call Public Affairs at 678-655-5055.



January UTA Schedule

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Activity	Time	Location
Sign in	7-8:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Bay 2
Wing element staff mtg	cancelled	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Occupational physicals	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
M16A2 Rifle AFQC	8 a.m.	CA Range
M9 Pistol AFQC	8 a.m.	CA Range
Newcomers intro	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
NBCWD Refresher	9-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
Newcomer's orientation	9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
Deployment mgrs mtg	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/2303
OJT mgrs mtg	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838 2304
First Sgts. GP mtg	11-noon	Bldg. 837
Occupational physicals	1 p.m.	Navy Clinic
CDC Exams	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
NBCCD Refresher	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
Depl. Outproc. Brief	2 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
Retreat (94th AW)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 922/Front

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Activity	Time	Location
Open ranks/Sign In	6:45-7:30 a.m.	Unit Assigned
Physical exams (aircrew)	8 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Physical exams (others)	8:30 a.m.	Navy Clinic
Immunizations	9-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
HRDC meeting	9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
Chiefs Group mtg	9-10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
CDC exams	9 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
IG complaints	10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2105
Enl. advisor council mtg.	10-10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
30-day record review	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Cmdr's working lunch	11:30 a.m.	Com (Marietta room)
OJT Managers Mtg.	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406
Flying Safety	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
56 Club, Top 3 Mtg	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
Immunizations	1-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic
Supervisor safety trng.	1:15-2 p.m.	Bldg. 744/2nd Fl.